

General Information

The Lynn Water and Sewer Commission (LWSC) has made arrangements with the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) to temporarily supply high quality water to all of the residents of Lynn during a reservoir construction project that is scheduled to commence on September 9th and run through December 1st. Please be aware there may be some temporary changes in the appearance of the water including discoloration, similar to hydrant flushing, during the initial transition to the water supplied by the MWRA. This is the same water that MWRA currently supplies to the City of Boston and the Towns of Saugus and Swampscott.

For questions concerning water quality, including taste, odor and color concerns please call the LWSC at 781-596-2400 or visit MWRA website at www.mwra.com.

The chemistry of the water supplied by the MWRA differs from that supplied by the Water and Sewer Commission. The two main differences are:

1. MWRA uses chloramines – a mild and long-lasting disinfectant combining chlorine and ammonia – while LWSC uses free chlorine.
2. MWRA water has a higher pH – around 9 to 9.5

Water containing chloramines is no different from chlorinated water for most normal uses and is perfectly safe to drink. The presence of chloramines and higher pH level, however, could adversely affect the health of fish and other aquatic animals. Additional steps are required for use of this water in fish tanks and aquariums.

For additional information concerning water quality and live fish/aquariums please visit the MWRA website at www.mwra.com, or call the MWRA at 617-242-5323.